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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Results of My Paris Trip (August 5-7)

I went to Paris last Friday and Saturday for two purposes: 1) for a meeting with German Finance Minister Apel to clear the air about recent exchange rate movements and to explain U.S. exchange rate policy, and 2) for a meeting with other industrial country and OPEC representatives to try to work out arrangements for supplementing the resources of the International Monetary Fund through the so-called "Witteveen Facility."

Meeting on Exchange Rates

The meeting with the Germans on the exchange rate issue went extremely well. Over the past several weeks the dollar-DM rate has moved noticeably -- though not as sharply as on a number of other occasions during the period of floating exchange rates since 1973. The German press had made a major issue of recent rate movements, claiming that the U.S. was acting irresponsibly, "manipulating" the exchange rate and trying to "talk the dollar down" for competitive and other reasons, and charging that the U.S. should intervene on the exchange markets to reverse the rate movement. The German official reaction to the rate movements had been much more restrained, though there was suspicion that the press comments were stimulated by government spokesmen.

I explained and reaffirmed our exchange rate policy to Minister Apel -- that we support a floating exchange rate system; that our policy is that the dollar's value should be determined by underlying economic and financial conditions; that we intervene in exchange markets only to counter disorderly exchange market conditions. I reiterated our view that a strong dollar is of major importance to the United States and the rest of the world; that the way to maintain a strong dollar is through a strong and non-inflationary economy; and that recent indicators show progress toward that objective.

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Minister Apel agreed with everything I said, stressed that Germany fully supported the floating exchange rate system, and expressed regret for the German press comment. (The Germans also told us privately that they are now convinced they should take additional stimulus measures to increase their real growth rate, which is running at a very disappointing level. They will be telephoning us this week to tell us what the specific measures will be.)

Apel and I held a joint press conference to make clear that we understood and were in full agreement on these matters. I believe this will lay to rest the uncertainties and press speculation.

Witteveen Facility

We also succeeded in reaching agreement among the major industrial and OPEC countries on the main issues relating to establishing the "Witteveen Facility", to supplement the resources of the IMF for the next two years or so. This reflects the successful culmination of follow-up to one of the most important items at the London Summit. The usable resources of the IMF are extremely low at present, and -- given the large payments imbalances in a number of countries associated with increased oil costs and other factors -- there is a need to supplement these resources and provide the needed assurance that official financing will be available in adequate amounts to assist countries while they implement needed adjustment programs and eliminate the need for financing.

While no one can be certain exactly how much is needed for the new facility, it has been our view that about \$10 billion or more is required to assure the necessary credibility and confidence. The Paris meeting was designed to raise that amount, and to set financial terms and conditions.

While a couple of participants were unable to say precisely how much they might pledge until they return to their capitals, it looks as though the \$10 billion or an amount very close to it will be raised. In Paris seven industrial countries pledged about \$5.2 billion. Five OPEC countries pledged about \$4.2 billion, and two others (Kuwait and Nigeria) are expected to add to that amount, so that the OPEC total would rise to about \$4.4-4.9 billion. If the total falls slightly below \$10 billion, there are other possibilities for "topping-up" the total.

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I regard this as a successful outcome. The total amount is adequate, and the balance between the industrial country group and the OPEC is reasonable. I believe Congress will react favorably to the rough equality between OPEC and industrial country participation -- OPEC is providing almost half -- since the lack of OPEC participation was one of the major objections to the financing proposal put forward by the previous Administration. The U.S. share (approximately \$1.7 billion) is reasonable, and in line with that of other participants (for example, Saudi Arabia's share is \$2.5 billion; Germany's share is \$1.2 billion). Also, the interest rate is fair -- we will receive the amount it costs Treasury to borrow for comparable maturities, which is an adequate return without being too severe on the borrowers. And the facility will help strengthen the international monetary system by encouraging those countries with large balance of payments problems to adopt the needed adjustment programs. Tony Solomon, my Under Secretary for Monetary Affairs, did most of the ground work in putting this arrangement together.

Assuming no further hitches develop, the IMF Executive Board will finalize the facility in the weeks ahead. We are planning to submit the necessary authorizing legislation to the Congress in the present session.

W. Michael Blumenthal

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> Re: Secretary Blumenthal's Memo of 8/9/77 re Results of His Paris Trip

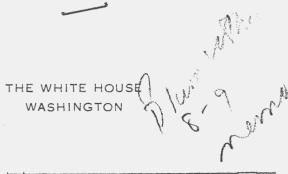
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August 9, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR RICK HUTCHESON

We would appreciate it if EOP review of this memorandum could be completed in time for the President's return from Plains.

Thanks for your cooperation.

CHARLES WARREN

Chairman

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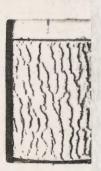
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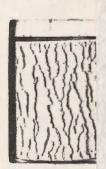
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WHOLESALE PRICES IN JULY





THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS
WASHINGTON

August 11, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Lyle E. Gramley LET

Subject: Wholesale Prices in July

The Bureau of Labor Statistics released at 9:00 a.m. today (Thursday, August 11) figures on wholesale prices in July. The news is good for consumers and bad for farmers. Because of falling farm prices, there was another decline of 0.1 percent in the overall index of wholesale prices last month, following an 0.7 percent drop in June.

Prices of farm products and processed foods and feeds both fell again in July. Grain prices were down further, but livestock prices have begun to rise again. Prices of consumer foods at wholesale have declined 2 percent over the past two months, and this should be showing up soon in retail food prices.

Industrial commodity prices rose 0.5 percent in July -- more than in June, but about equal to the average rate of rise so far this year. The largest increases were in prices of lumber and metals, both of which had been declining earlier. The rise of metals prices partly reflects previously announced increases in steel prices; also, the decline in scrap metal prices that occurred during the second quarter has ended.

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Jack Watson

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cc: Stu Eizenstat
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RE: ADMINISTRATIVE DROUGHT PROGRAM - IMPLEMENTATION



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

Jack Watson

SUBJECT: Implementation of Administrative Drought Program

At last Monday's Cabinet meeting you asked for reports on Departmental actions to implement the Administration's drought program. Submissions by Commerce, Interior, and Agriculture revealed the following facts:

Agriculture

- o Soil and Conservation Service Emergency Drought Program
 - --\$100 million available of which \$63 million had been obligated.
 - -- An additional \$50 million for the program is included in the pending Farm Bill.
- o Farmers Home Administration loans and grants to rural communities with diminished water supply caused by the drought
 - --\$150 million available for loans of which \$15.4 million has been obligated.
 - --\$75 million available for grants of which \$11 million has been obligated.
 - -- The delay in disbursing the funds is attributable to the fact that such community facility loans are subject to review by state and local agencies, many of which have not moved quickly.

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- o FmHA emergency loans to farmers and ranchers to cover prospective losses.
 - --\$100 million available of which \$70 million has been obligated.
- o FmHA has also made loans of \$850 million under its normal, ongoing emergency loan program.

Commerce

- o EDA's Community Emergency Drought Relief Program
 - --The program was established pursuant to Administration developed legislation introduced to the Congress March 31 and signed on May 23.
 - --\$175 million available for communities of over 10,000, water districts, and others for projects such as construction of new wells, repair of existing wells, installation of pipe, construction of water storage facilities, etc.
 - --\$40 million has been obligated; applications for an additional \$71 million are now being processed.
 - --Projected obligation schedule for the full \$175-million is as follows:

By Week Ending	Project Funds Obligated
8/15	50 %
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9/15	90 %
9/30	100 %

Interior

- o Water Bank
 - --\$75 million available but the Bureau of Reclamation has received requests for only about \$3.7 million. Requests for \$3.3 million have been approved.
 - --Legislation to modify the Water Bank Act have been introduced in Congress and have passed the Senate.

- o Fish and wildlife mitigation
 - --\$10 million authorized by Emergency Drought Act of 1977.
 - --\$9.8 million has been allocated and \$4.3 million obligated and disbursed.
- o Land Management
 - --\$3.5 million available, all of which has been allocated to the Western states for programs such as range water improvement, wildlife water improvement, fire presuppression, and range inspection.

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WHITE HOUSE Date: August 1, 1977 FOR INFORMATION: FOR ACTION: Stu Eizenstat SW's office wants to melede him be partiage from Kay and a Andrew - also Jack Watson Bert Lance FROM: Rick Hutcheson, Staff Secretary SUBJECT: Kreps memo dated 8/1/77 re Status of the EDA Drought Relief Program. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE STAFF SECRETARY BY: 12:00 NOON TIME: Wednesday DAY: August 3, 1977 DATE: **ACTION REQUESTED:** X Your comments Other: Calkred comment STAFF RESPONSE: No comment. _ I concur. Please note other comments below: Watsons affece PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED. If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately. (Telephone, 7052)

August 1, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR The President

Subject: Status of the EDA Drought Relief Program

In certain parts of the country, there has been criticism of the speed and method of the implementation of the emergency drought relief programs being administered by various Federal agencies. This criticism, which has primarily been by the press and State and local officials, has generally not differentiated between the programs. I wish to provide you with the following information concerning the rapid implementation of the Community Emergency Drought Relief Program that is being administered by the Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA). I also wish to report that Congress and the State and local officials have also generally been highly complimentary of the EDA program.

Background of EDA Drought Relief Program

In connection with the Presidential Message of March 23, 1977, regarding the severe drought condition of the past two years, the Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration worked with a number of agencies on the White House Task Force to design the Emergency Drought Relief Program of the Administration.

On March 31, 1977, the Community Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1977 (H.R. 5884) (Act) was introduced in Congress.

The Act (Public Law 95-31) was enacted in near record time and signed on May 23, 1977, providing for financial assistance to towns with a population over 10,000, water districts, Indian tribes, and similar entities for a wide variety of drought related activities. There was an appropriation of \$175 million to implement this legislation.

On the same day that the legislation was signed, EDA opened six field offices and 17 information offices throughout the United States to administer the drought program. Other preparatory steps taken by EDA while the legislation was being considered by Congress included the drafting of rules and regulations, the formulation of program guidelines, the development of informational materials on the program, and the hiring of appropriate staff. As a result, EDA was able to begin implementing the program the day it was approved.

On May 25th, complete information on the Drought Relief Program was mailed to over 4,000 potential applicants in all parts of the United States affected by the drought.

Nineteen days later, the first three projects were approved for a total of \$11.9 million of grants and loans. These projects included temporary pipeline construction, the purchase of water, and conservation measures.

A Memorandum of Understanding has been entered into between EDA and the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) to establish the primary project responsibilities of each Agency in order to facilitate the rapid implementation of the entire Drought Program of the Administration.

EDA has prepared internal operating procedures to assist small towns, if legally possible, when the FmHA cannot as a result of statutory, procedural, or policy restrictions.

Current Status of the EDA Drought Relief Program

As of July 29, 1977, EDA had approved 35 drought relief projects. The total dollar amount for these projects is \$40 million, or 23% of the \$175 million allocation. Projects selected for application numbered III, totalling \$71 million. Together with the approved projects, these represent 63% of the appropriation. In addition to the projects approved and in processing, other projects for an amount exceeding the \$175 million appropriation had been identified.

Seventy-five percent of these expenditures will be for first priority projects which are ones including severe health and safety hazards. The remaining twenty-five percent will be for second priority projects, such as the relief of economic distress or installation of water conservation measures.

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Based upon current projections, the drought relief projects will be approved according to the following schedule:

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50%
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90%
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Projects consist of new wells; the repair and deepening of existing wells; installation of pipelines, pumps, electrical connections; hauling of water; construction of water storage facilities; purchase of water; and water conservation programs.

Conclusion

The EDA Drought Relief Program has moved steadily toward the goal of alleviating the high human and economic hardship resulting from the 1976-77 drought. Please be assured that our efforts toward this end will continue until the program is successfully completed.

Suanita M. Kreps

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TO Buck Stutcheson
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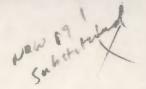
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Rick Hutcheson

RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE DROUGHT PROGRAM

Date: August 10, 1977

MEMORANDUM

FOR ACTION:

Stu Eizenstat Bob Lipshutz Jack Watson FOR INFORMATION:

The Vice President Midge Costanza Frank Moore Bert Lance Charlie Schultze

FROM: Rick Hutcheson, Staff Secretary

SUBJECT: Executive Order on the National Environmental Policy Act.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE DELIVERED

TO DOUG HURON

TIME: 12:00 NOON

DAY: FRIDAY

DATE: AUGUST 12, 1977

ACTION REQUESTED:

X Your comments

Other:

STAFF RESPONSE:

____ I concur.

No comment.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY 722 JACKSON PLACE, N. W.

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

August 9, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

Charles Warren

Gus Speth Marion Edey

SUBJECT: Executive Order on the National Environmental Policy Act

In the decision memorandum on the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) which came to you in connection with the Environmental Message, you directed the Council to prepare an Executive Order which would require agencies to take steps to better implement the underlying environmental policies stated in NEPA and thus move away from the current overemphasis on environmental impact statement paperwork and procedure. The proposed order is attached.

The order states a short, straightforward rule for federal officials to follow in making decisions affecting the environment. It would require federal agencies to take the least environmentally harmful option, unless they have a good reason -- required by another essential consideration of national policy -- why they cannot do so. Agencies would also be required to take all practical steps to avoid or minimize significant environmental harm. For major federal actions on which impact statements are prepared, federal agencies would also be required to make a concise public finding that the order had been carried out.

We believe the order will have a major impact on making federal projects environmentally acceptable. It will complement your previous efforts to focus attention on the need for agencies to make environmentally responsible decisions that are understandable to the public. This order is an important part of the NEPA reform efforts the Council now has underway.

The proposed order has been drafted in consultation with the Domestic Policy Staff and OMB, who believe it to be sound, and they join us in recommending that it be circulated to the agencies for further comment. With your approval, we will proceed with formal interagency clearance.

Disapprove Approve

EXECUTIVE ORDER

RELATING TO PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the United States of America, and as President of the United States of America, in furtherance of the purpose and policy of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), and the Environmental Quality Improvement Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.), it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Executive Order 11514 is amended by renumbering Section 2(a) as Section 2(a)(1) and adding the following Sections 2(a)(2) and (2)(a)(3):

- "(a)(2) Carry out the environmental policies stated in Sections
 101 and 102(1) of the Act in its decisions to the fullest extent
 practicable consistent with other essential considerations of
 national policy. In choosing among alternatives in environmental
 impact statements and in planning and carrying out agency actions,
 each agency at a minimum shall:
 - (i) select that alternative which involves the least
 harm to the environment unless the agency determines
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FROM: Rick Hutcheson, Staff Secretary

FOR INFORMATION:

The Vice President Midge Costanza Frank Moore Bert Lance Charlie Schultze

SUBJECT: Executive Order on the National Environmental Policy Act.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE DELIVERED

TO . DOUG HURON

BY:

TIME: 12:00 NOON

DAY:

FRIDAY

DATE: AUGUST 12, 1977

ACTION REQUESTED:

X Your comments

Other:

STAFF RESPONSE

concur.

__ No comment.

Please note other comments below:

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PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately. (Telephone, 7052)

THE WHITE HOUSE

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ACTION

11 August 1977

TO:

JIM MCINTYRE

FROM:

RICK HUTCHESON

SUBJECT:

Attached Proposed Executive Order

Please have the OMB staff clear this proposed E.O. in the usual fashion, with affected agencies and with the Department of Justice, and then return it to me for circulating among the White House staff. Thanks.

cc: Charles Warren

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY 722 JACKSON PLACE, N. W. WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

August 9, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

Charles Warren (W

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SUBJECT: Executive Order on the National Environmental Policy Act

In the decision memorandum on the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) which came to you in connection with the Environmental Message, you directed the Council to prepare an Executive Order which would require agencies to take steps to better implement the underlying environmental policies stated in NEPA and thus move away from the current overemphasis on environmental impact statement paperwork and procedure. The proposed order is attached.

The order states a short, straightforward rule for federal officials to follow in making decisions affecting the environment. It would require federal agencies to take the least environmentally harmful option, unless they have a good reason — required by another essential consideration of national policy — why they cannot do so. Agencies would also be required to take all practical steps to avoid or minimize significant environmental harm. For major federal actions on which impact statements are prepared, federal agencies would also be required to make a concise public finding that the order had been carried out.

We believe the order will have a major impact on making federal projects environmentally acceptable. It will complement your previous efforts to focus attention on the need for agencies to make environmentally responsible decisions that are understandable to the public. This order is an important part of the NEPA reform efforts the Council now has underway.

The proposed order has been drafted in consultation with the Domestic Policy Staff and OMB, who believe it to be sound, and they join us in recommending that it be circulated to the agencies for further comment. With your approval, we will proceed with formal interagency clearance.

Approve	Disapprove

EXECUTIVE ORDER

RELATING TO PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the United States of America, and as President of the United States of America, in furtherance of the purpose and policy of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), and the Environmental Quality Improvement Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.), it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Executive Order 11514 is amended by renumbering Section 2(a) as Section 2(a)(1) and adding the following Sections 2(a)(2) and (2)(a)(3):

- "(a)(2) Carry out the environmental policies stated in Sections
 101 and 102(1) of the Act in its decisions to the fullest extent
 practicable consistent with other essential considerations of
 national policy. In choosing among alternatives in environmental
 impact statements and in planning and carrying out agency actions,
 each agency at a minimum shall:
 - (i) select that alternative which involves the least

 harm to the environment unless the agency determines
 that specific and overriding considerations of
 national policy require a different alternative; and

- (ii) use all practicable means to avoid or minimize significant environmental harm."
- "(a)(3) In choosing among alternatives in environmental impact statements, adopt a concise public finding stating:
 - (i) that all practicable means to avoid or minimize environmental harm as stated in Section 2(a)(2)(ii) have been adopted and will be enforced, and
 - (ii) if under Section 2(a)(2)(i) an alternative other than that which involves the least harm to the environment has been selected, the reasons why other specific considerations of national policy overrode the environmentally preferable alternative."

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BY:

TIME: 12:00 NOON

DAY:

FRIDAY

DATE: AUGUST 12, 1977

ACTION REQUESTED:

X Your comments

Other:

STAFF RESPONSE:

___ I concur.

No comment.

Please note other comments below:

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
August 11, 1977

Bob Lipshutz

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Rick Hutcheson

RE: CONGRESSIONAL ATTEMPTS TO LIMIT REPROGRAMING AUTHORITIES

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August 6, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

ROBERT LIPSHUTZ

SUBJECT:

Congressional Attempts to Limit

Reprograming Authorities

Subsequent to your discussions with Senator Inouye concerning this matter, Warren Christopher conferred with him, and consulted with me, to try and arrive at a satisfactory resolution of this question, at least for the current fiscal year.

I believe that the matter has been resolved in a satisfactory way by agreeing upon a letter from the heads of the various agencies to Senator Inouye, a copy of which is attached. This letter:

- (1) Removes the objectionable "committee veto-type" language and includes the language which we have earlier agreed upon: "...Should you file an objection on behalf of the Subcommittee on Foreign Operations to any new programs, projects, or other operations not previously justified to the Appropriations Committee of the Congress, I would withhold action on that project until we have had time to resolve your reservations..."
- (2) Leaves out the objectionable phrase, "if. . .a majority of your Subcommittee . . . ", thus removing any implication that the Chairman would, in fact, act without proper authorization in the future.
- (3) Omits the explicit language reminding the Chairman about the Constitutional question, which he readily acknowledges to be applicable in this type situation.

I believe that the proper relationship has been established between the Chairman and the State Department, acting through the Acting Secretary; and, further, I believe that the State Department itself has assumed responsibility for coordinating more closely actions of the various agency heads in this matter henceforth.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WASHINGTON

THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye Chairman Subcommittee on Foreign Operations Senate Appropriations Committee United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Based on our discussions regarding reprogramming of appropriated funds, and in a continuing desire to work closely and constructively with the Senate Committee on Appropriations in our development assistance efforts, I want to indicate that, should you file an objection on behalf of the Subcommittee on Foreign Operations to any new programs, projects, or other operations not previously justified to the Appropriations Committees of the Congress, I would withhold action on that project until we have had time to resolve your reservations. This would also apply to any increase in the amounts justified for any such individual items.

Sincerely,

John J. Gilligan

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON
August 9, 1977

Frank Moore Zbig Brzezinski

The attached is for your information.

Rick Hutcheson

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RE: CONGRESSIONAL ATTEMPTS TO LIMIT REPROGRAMMING AUTHORITIES

August 11, 1977

Hugh Carter

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Rick Hutcheson
RE: WEEKLY MAIL REPORT-8/5/77

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Week Ending 8/5/77

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

HUGH CARTER

SUBJECT:

Weekly Mail Report (Per Your Request)

Below are statistics on Presidential and First Family:

INCOMING	WEEK ENDING 7/29	WEEK ENDING 8/5
Presidential First Lady Amy Other First Family	27,720 1,590 430 110	29,300 1,330 410 65
TOTAL	29,850	31,105
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TOTAL	4,857	6,560
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cc: Senior Staff

MAJOR ISSUES IN CURRENT PRESIDENTIAL ADULT MAIL Week Ending 8/5/77

ISSUES	PRO	CON	COMMENT	NUMBER OF LETTERS
Pres.'s Position re: Federal Funds for Abortions	51%	49%	0	791
Establish Separate Cabinet Level Department of Education	96%	4%	0	785
Pres.'s Position re: Israel Returning Land Won In '67 War	18%	82%	0	391
Support for Neutron Bomb	3%	97%	0	364
Support for Raising the Retirement Age for Social Security				
Recipients (1)	0	100%	0	298
Support for Andrew Young	6%	94%	0	260
Suggestions re: Tax Reform Package (2)	0	0	100%	251
Support for Amnesty for Illegal Aliens	4%	96%	0	226
Retention of Capital Gains Taxes	98%	2%	0	190
Increase In Wheat/Soy Bean/Corn Prices (3)	100%	0	0	162
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(See Notes Attached)

NOTES TO MAJOR ISSUE TALLY

(1) SUPPORT FOR RAISING THE RETIREMENT AGE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people, reacting to Secretary Kreps' (8/3/77) statement that she has long advocated the postponement of retirement until age 68, contend that the change would:

- -- be morally wrong;
- -- worsen the job market;
- -- cause people with health problems further hardship;
- -- destroy the dreams of millions of Americans;
- -- point out "once again" that the government cannot be trusted to keep its word.

(2) SUGGESTIONS FOR THE TAX REFORM PACKAGE

Most of the writers advocate one of the following:

- -- elimination of double taxation of corporate earnings and dividends:
- -- retention of independent contractor status for direct salespeople;
- -- continuation of regulations granting tax deductions for overseas travel expenses.

(3) SUPPORT FOR INCREASE IN PRICES OF WHEAT/SOY BEANS/CORN

Farmers and their wives report that the present prices for agricultural products, especially wheat, compared to rising operating costs, are making it impossible for them to operate at anything but a loss.

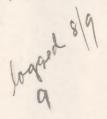
August 11, 1977

Lynn Daft Frank Moore Jack Watson

This will confirm verbal advices that the President signed the Disaster Declaration for North Carolina. Posting time will be 10:30 A.M.

The documents have been given to Bob Linder for appropriate handling.

Rick Hutcheson



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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

August 4, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Recommendation for an Emergency

Declaration Due to Drought -

North Carolina

In the attached memorandum, Secretary Harris recommends that you declare an emergency for North Carolina to provide emergency livestock feed assistance in 27 of the 49 counties requested by the Governor. A determination on the 22 remaining counties will be made upon receipt of additional information. The assistance would cost an estimated \$3,000,000 through March 31, 1978.

We concur with Secretary Harris' assessment and recommend that you grant the declaration.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Dear Madam Secretary:

I have determined that the impact of a drought on the State of North Carolina is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a declaration of an emergency under Public Law 93-288. I therefore declare that such an emergency exists in the State of North Carolina.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate, from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as are necessary to provide Federal disaster assistance authorized by law and by this declaration.

I expect regular reports on progress made in meeting the effects of this emergency, the extent of Federal assistance already made available, and a projection of additional assistance required, if any.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Carter

Honorable Patricia Roberts Harris Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Washington, D. C. 20410



August 11, 1977

Lynn Daft

This will confirm verbal advices to you that the President concurred in the recommendation to turndown request for Disaster Declaration in California.

The documents have been given to Bob Linder for appropriate handling.

Rick Hutcheson



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THE WHITE HOUSE

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August 10, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Recommended Turndown of

Request for Emergency Declaration

Due to a Fire - California

In the attached memorandum, Secretary Harris recommends that you turn down emergency assistance to the State of California due to a recent fire in the Santa Barbara area. Their assessment concluded that 90% of the homes were insured and the majority of the insurance policies would provide for payment of debris removal costs. The Administrator of the Small Business Administration has designated Santa Barbara and affected counties as eligible for disaster loan assistance.

We concur with Secretary Harris' assessment and recommend your concurrence in the proposed reply to Governor Brown.



DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20410

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr. Governor of California Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

This is in further response to your recent request for an emergency declaration to provide temporary housing and to perform debris removal on private property in Santa Barbara County because of the impact of the recent fire in the Santa Barbara hills.

We have given your request careful review and consideration. As you know, local and State governments have the primary responsibility for disaster relief. Federal disaster assistance provided under the Disaster Relief Act of 1974, Public Law 93-288, is supplementary in nature and is only provided when effective response to a disaster is beyond the capabilities of the State and local governments.

Our assessment of this situation revealed that there are adequate available housing units within the immediate area to provide temporary housing for displaced families, and that this assistance can be met by the State and local governments with the assistance of private relief organizations. Debris clearance from private property can be performed either by the State and local governments, by private property owners under their insurance policies, or through the use of Small Business Administration disaster loan assistance. The Administrator of the Small Business Administration has designated Santa Barbara County and adjacent affected counties as eligible for disaster loan assistance as the result of damage caused by the fires.

Based on our assessment of this situation, we have concluded that this situation does not appear to warrant an emergency declaration. Accordingly, I must inform you of our decision not to recommend to the President that he declare an emergency in this instance.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Dunne Administrator

Concurrence:

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Mr. President:

Defense Department concurs with this recommendation. Bio for Marshall is attached.

With your permission, we will use the autopen to sign the notifying letters to five governors.

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August 11, 1977

Jim King

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Rick Hutcheson

RE: FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE, RED RIVER COMPACT COMMISSION

THE WHITE HOUSE

August 8, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JAMES B. KING

SUBJECT:

Federal Representative, Red River Compact Commission

Attached for your signature is a letter appointing Major General Robert Creel Marshall the Federal Representative and Non-Voting Chairman of the Red River Compact Commission vice Major General Francis Paul Koisch, letter of resignation attached.

Major General Marshall is Deputy Chief of Engineers of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Also attached are letters to the Governors of the State which enter into the Compact informing them of this appointment.

All necessary checks have been completed.

To General Robert Marshall

Pursuant to Public Law 346 (84th Congress) approved August 11, 1955, granting the consent of Congress to the States of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas to negotiate and enter into a compact providing for the equitable apportionment of the waters of the Red River and its tributaries, you are hereby appointed as the Federal Representative; you will also serve as the non-voting Chairman for the negotiations. The Governors of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas have been advised of your designation, and I am asking the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to notify the Federal agencies concerned with this compact of your appointment and to request that they furnish such advice, consultation and information as you may need.

You are requested to report to me through the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and he will also be available to provide additional details concerning your assignment.

Your duties and compensation as an officer of the Corps of Engineers will continue. In addition, ordinary administrative expenses such as those for office space, travel and similar items will be furnished by the Corps of Engineers.

Sincerely,

Major General Robert Creel Marshall Office Chief of Engineers

United States Army Corps of Engineers

Washington, D.C. 20314

BRIEF HISTORY OF MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT CREEL MARSHALL

Major General Robert Creel Marshall became Deputy Chief of Engineers of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on 2 August 1976.

Major General Marshall has held responsible command and staff assignments both stateside and overseas. After training at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, he served with the 305th Engineer Combat Battalion, 80th Infantry Division, then located at Camp Forrest, Tennessee. He remained with the Division as it completed its training and fought in four campaigns in Europe serving as a platoon and company commander. Following World War II, he remained in Europe serving as Assistant Engineer at Third Army Headquarters.

He was assigned to the Philadelphia Engineer District as
Assistant District Engineer, and thus began his involvement with
heavy construction and water resources development. He also served
with the Joint U.S. Military Aid Group in Greece as Engineer Advisor
to Greek Army units. During this period he was placed on temporary
duty in Izmir, Turkey, to assist in establishing a new NATO headquarters
at that site.

Additional assignments include: Instructor and later Assistant Professor at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York; Commander of the 4th Engineer Combat Battalion and Division Engineer, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Washington; Chief of Installations and Services, Headquarters, Eighth U.S. Army, Korea; Assistant Director of Civil Works, Office of the Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C.; and as District Engineer, Mobile, Alabama.

Following a year's tour in Vietnam, where he served as Commanding Officer of the 937th Engineer Combat Group and as Corps Engineer of the Provisional Corps, Vietnam, General Marshall then became Director, Site Activation Directorate, SENTINEL Systems Command, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. He also served as Special Assistant to Chief of Staff, U.S. Continental Army Command, with duty station at Fort McPherson, Georgia, and then as Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, U.S. Army Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Georgia.

A 1943 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York, he received a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. He is also a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

His many military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal with V-Device with two oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Purple Heart, Air Medal three awards and numerous foreign awards.

Major General Marshall was born on 10 November 1921. He is married and the Marshalls have seven children.

THE WHITE HOUSE

May 6, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Forwarded for your approval is a recommendation for the appointment of Major General Robert Creel Marshall as the Federal Representative and Non-Voting Chairman of the Red River Compact Commission.

This action has been staffed by the Secretary of the Army and approved by the Secretary of Defense.

BILL GULLEY

Attachment

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

MAY 0 5 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Nomination for Appointment as the Federal Representative and Non-Voting Chairman of the Red River Compact Commission

I recommend the nomination of Major General Robert Creel Marshall, 081-32-6336 to be appointed as the Federal Representative and Non-Voting Chairman of the Red River Compact Commission under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 11 August 1955 (69 Stat. 654).

General Marshall has fully demonstrated his qualifications to serve on this Commission.

This action is based upon a recommendation of the Secretary of the Army.

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1. Draft Letter of Nomination

Public Law 346 84th Congress

3. Brief History of MG Marshall

To Governor David Pryor

Today, I am designating Major General Robert Creel Marshall, Deputy Chief of Engineers, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D. C., to serve as the Federal Representative to the negotiations between the States for the equitable apportionment of the waters of the Red River and its tributaries, vice Major General F. P. Koisch who has resigned.

Public Law 346 (84th Congress) approved August 11, 1955, granted the consent of Congress to the States of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas to negotiate and enter into a compact for the equitable distribution of these waters, and provided for a Federal Representative to participate in the negotiations and serve as the non-voting chairman.

It is my hope that a strong spirit of intergovernmental cooperation between the States and the Federal Government will prevail as we continue the work of negotiating for the equitable distribution of the waters of the Red River and its tributaries.

Sincerely,

The Honorable David H. Pryor

Governor of Arkansas

Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

To Governor Edwin Edwards

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Edwin W/Edwards

Governor of Louisiana

Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

THE WHITE HOUSE

To Governor David Boren

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Sincerely,

The Honorable David L Boren

Governor of Oklahoma

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

To Governor Dolph Briscoe

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Dolph Briscoe, Jr.

Governor of Texas Austin, Texas 78711

To General Francis Koisch

I have your letter and I accept your resignation as Federal Representative and Non-Voting Chairman of the Red River Compact Commission, effective on this date.

Throughout your public service, you have carried out your responsibilities with dedication, energy, and purpose and have truly earned the respect of your colleagues in Government. I know that in the years ahead you will be able to look back with pride on your many accomplishments.

You may be sure that you have my best wishes for every future success and happiness.

Sincerely,

Major General Francis Paul Koisch, USA Federal Representative and Chairman

Red River Compact Commission
Lower Mississippi Valley Division
United States Army Corps of Engineers

Vicksburg, Mississippi 39180



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ATTENTION OF LMVPD-M

16 May 1977

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Dear Mr. President:

Reference is made to my appointment as the Federal Representative to the Red River Compact Commission by former President Ford's letter dated 6 February 1975.

Since I will be retiring soon from active military service, it does not appear appropriate for me to continue as Federal Representative and Chairman of the Red River Compact Commission. Therefore, with your permission, I request relief from my appointment.

I am pleased to report that during my service as Chairman of the Red River Compact Commission significant progress toward consummation of an agreement has been made and in my judgment, the negotiations are very near a conclusion. For this reason, I would suggest an early appointment of my successor.

The honor of having served in this position is appreciated. I regret that I shall be unable to continue to serve until the completion of the compact, which will be of such importance to the future of the Red River Basin and surrounding area. It has been my pleasure to serve as Federal Representative on the Commission and I thank you for the opportunity.

Respectfully yours,

F. P. KOISCH

Major General, USA

Chairman, Red River Compact Commission

The President The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

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(Through the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503) Washington, D.C. 20503)

WASHINGTON August 11, 1977. Dear Barbara, We wanted to formally respond to your letter to Jody requesting an interview with President and Mrs. Carter. As I mentioned on the phone, prospects for the type of interview you have described (family quarters, informal tour, etc.) are not good for the next months but we would like to keep your idea and request in an active holding file. Meantime, let us stay in touch and try to work out some sort of program that would be of mutual interest. I hope you have enjoyed your vacation. With kind regards, Sincerely, Barry Jagoda Special Assistant to the President Ms. Barbara Walters ABC News 7 West 66 Street New York, N.Y. 10023 cc: Jody Powell bcc: WALT WURFEL

July 21, 1977

Mr. Jody Powell
Press Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jody:

Here is a copy of the letter in case it was misplaced. Please let me hear from you.

As always,

Barbara Walters

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Mr. Jody Powell
Press Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jody:

You suggested that I be in touch with you in July for an answer to our request for an interview with President and Mrs. Carter.

Our tentative air date for the program is the first week in December at either 9 PM or 10 PM. Our thought is to tape an interview with President and Mrs. Carter from the White House in an informal manner in their private quarters. If the President prefers, we could divide the interview and include a section with Vice President and Mrs. Mondale. The choice is entirely up to him. All details can be discussed once we have the go-ahead from you. If you would like, I can come to Washington to hash things over with you.

This is the first request that ABC News has made for a special interview with President and Mrs. Carter since the President took office, and of course, NBC and CBS have both already had their "licks" on special programs.

We hope to hear from you as soon as possible, and we look forward to the answer being "yes."

With warmest personal regards,

As always,

Interned Reg. June 6, 1977 Dear Barbara: The President has asked me to let you know that he and Rosalynn appreciate your interest but cannot give you a definite promise at this time. Please stay in touch, and we will let you know something definite as soon as possible. Sincerely, Joseph L. Powell, Jr. Press Secretary to the President Ms. Babbara Walters ABC News 7 West 66 Street New Yorkk New York 10023 JLP: CS

a) Pout Hol-b) respond ABC News 7 West 66 Street New York, New York 10023 Telephone 212 LT1-7777 Barbara Walters May 16, 1977 The President The White House Washington, D.C. Dear Mr. President: Although it is quite a bit in advance, I am writing in the hope that we may interview you and Mrs. Carter for ABC News from the White House on the anniversary of our first interview together from Plains, Georgia. The opening date of our new season of ABC Specials is in late November or December ... a marvelous viewing time, as you know, and we can think of no more important and exciting opening than an interview with you and the First Lady. We can talk about the construction of the program and any details can be arranged, of course, for your convenience. These Specials will again be sponsored by General Electric, and in addition to the suberb rating we had last year, Reginald Jones can tell you of the reaction received when G.E. did its own survey. It would be my delight and honor to conduct this interview with you again. We look forward to hearing from you. With warmest personal regards, Barlan BW: jb Mr. Roone Arledge **Electrostatic Copy Made** Mr. Barry Jagoda for Preservation Purposes Mr. Jody Powell